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1. IN A CONVERSATION WITH THE CHARGE ON NOVEMBER 4, COMMISSIONER GUNDELACH STRONGLY URGED THAT THE UNITED STATES TAKE A HARD STAND WITH

SWEDEN IN REGARD TO ITS RECENT DECISION TO IMPOSE IMPORT QUOTAS ON SHOES. THE CHARGE TOLD GUNDELACH THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD SPOKEN ALONG THE LINES OF REFTEL B IN THE GATT COUNCIL. GUNDELACH CONTINUED THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST BREAK IN THE DAM OF ANY CONSEQUENCE SUBSEQUENT

TO THE OECD PLEDGE, AND THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE PLEDGE LET THE SWEDES KNOW IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THAT THEIR ACTION COULD HAVE A DOMINO EFFECT. IN ADDITION, THE FACT THAT THE SWEDISH ACTION HAD ATTRACTED STRONG AND UNIVERSAL DISAPPROVAL WOULD BE A WARNING TO ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT TEMPTED TO FOLLOW

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THE SWEDISH LEAD.

2. THE COMMISSION SPOKESMAN RECOUNTED, AT THE REGULAR PRESS BRIEFING OF NOVEMBER 4, THE DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT IN THE EC-SWEDEN JOINT COMMITTEE THE PREVIOUS DAY. THE SWEDISH AMBASSADOR TO THE EC (VON SYDOW) STATED THAT SWEDEN HAD IMPOSED ITS RESTRICTIONS ON SHOES UNDER ARTICLE 21(C) OF THE EC-SWEDEN AGREEMENT, WHICH PROVIDES THAT A CONTRACTING PARTY MAY UNILATERALLY TAKE ANY MEASURE "WHICH IT CONSIDERS ESSENTIAL TO ITS OWN SECURITY IN TIME OF WAR ON SERIOUS INTERNATIONAL TENSION." WHILE ADMITTING THAT SWEDEN WAS NOT AT WAR, THE AMBASSADOR ARGUED THAT TO MAINTAIN THE CREDIBILITY OF ITS NEUTRALITY, SWEDEN MUST PRESERVE A SUBSTANTIAL SHOE-MAKING CAPACITY. (THIS PROVOKED LAUGHTER FROM THE REPORTERS.) COMMISSION DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL DE KERGORLAY RESPONDED THAT SWDEN SHOULD HAVE ACTED, IF AT ALL, UNDER ARTICLE 26 OF THE EC-SWEDEN AGREEMENT WHICH REQUIRES CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE CONTRACTING PARTIES BEFORE MEASURES ARE TAKEN TO RELIEVE "SERIOUS DISTRUBANCES...IN ANY SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY." DE KERGORLAY ALSO QUESTIONED THE CONSISTENCY OF THE SWEDISH ACTION WITH THE OECD TRADE PLEDGE. MORRIS

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